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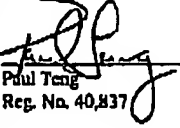
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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DATA COMMUNICATIONS CAPABLE OF  
AUTOMATICALLY SENDING A MAINTENANCE REQUEST**

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated April 30, 2007 in  
connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.